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Dear Sir:

For:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLÝ PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE .
Total Claims	14	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	8	6	2	\$86.00 =	\$172.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations				\$172.00	

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$172.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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